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SUBJECT: SECDEF SCHLESINGER'S PRESS STATEMENT IN NORWAY RE
KEFLVIK BASE

REF: REYKJAVIK 782

1. OTHER THAN REPORT MENTIONED IN OSLO'S 2259 ONLY OTHER
NORWEGIAN PAPERS TO REPORT SECDEF STATEMENT ON KEFLAVIK
WERE:

(A) NORDLANDSPOSTEN (CONSERVATIVE) OF BODO WHICH HEAD-
LINED FIVE COLUMN STORY: "SMALL CHANCE THAT KEFLAVIK BASE
ON ICELAND MUST BE CLOSED DOWN," AND REPORTED SECRETARY
AS SAYING THAT THE CHANCES THAT THE KEFLAVIK BASE WOULD
BE CLOSED WERE VERY SMALL AS A RESULT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
ON THIS ISSUE. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND HE DID NOT THINK
IT WOULD BE REALISTIC TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR
A SIMILAR BASE ON NORWEGIAN TERRITORY.

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(B) NORDLANDS FRAMTID (LABOR) BODO WHICH REPORTED SCHLESINGER AS SAYING HE DID NOT EXPECT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO LEAVE KEFLAVIK. THE NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY AND HE COUNTED ON THE BASE BEING MAINTAINED. TEXT SCHLESINGER EXCHANGE AS PIECED TOGETHER FROM TAPE WHICH OCCASIONALLY FADES OUT SEEMS TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

Q. WHAT WOULD THE CONSEQUENCES BE TO NORWAY IF THE AMERICANS MUST GIVE UP KEFLAVIK? ARE THERE ANY POSSIBILITIES FOR A SUBSTITUTE BASE ON THE NORWEGIAN COAST?

A. I THINK THAT THE OUTCOME IS LIKELY TO BE SATISFACTORY. ALTERNATE FACILITIES CAN, OF COURSE, BE CONSTRUCTED, BUT IT COSTS MUCH TO CONSTRUCT ALTERNATE FACILITIES I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD NECESSITATE HAVING A BASE IN NORWAY.

2. USDEL BERGEN, WHICH ALSO TAPED PRESS CONFERENCE, MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE EXACT TEXT.
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